

ALLIES BELIEVE CENTRAL POWERS DRIVEN TO OFFER

"If Internal Troubles Are To Be Avoided Must Have Peace in Six Months"

PEOPLE HAVE REACHED LIMIT OF ENDURANCE

Captured Territory Gives Them 26,000,000 More to Furnish with Food

By Ed L. Keen
(United Press staff correspondent)
London, Jan. 3.—Authentic official information substantiating press reports of the seriousness of internal conditions in the central powers were instrumental in the allies' decision to turn a deaf ear to peace pleas.

It was believed here today this belief will be strongly reflected in the phrases with which England and her allies will answer President Wilson's note. The reply was said to be fully drafted today. Its dispatch is imminent.

In the light of official information, the allies are all the more convinced that Germany's peace pleas were put forth in a spirit of desperation, despite the bombastic utterances from the kaiser and his officials. Because of this, they are all the more determined upon rejection of any peace suggestions, not only from their enemies but from neutral friends. The central powers are now believed to be threatened with unrest of a populace inadequately provisioned and tired of war's constant demands.

This view was reflected today in a circumstantial story from Budapest published by the Morning Post.

"It is evident," the article stated, "that the central powers are within measurable distance of the limit of endurance of their much-suffering peoples. It is plainly apparent to anyone who has made a study of the economic conditions in Germany and in the dual monarchy that the peace offer, made in the middle of December, was chiefly prompted by the knowledge that relief must come within six months from the present time, at the outside, if internal troubles of the most serious character are to be avoided. In Austria-Hungary, the available stocks of food will not even last for six months. But in spite of severe privations on the people the authorities should succeed in quieting them until the end of January, how is the population—increased, it must be borne in mind, by some 20,000,000 months in the occupied regions—to be fed during the months of July and August? For, by that time, according to statisticians not a grain of wheat or maize will be left."

When it comes to that, peace will have to be made on any terms."

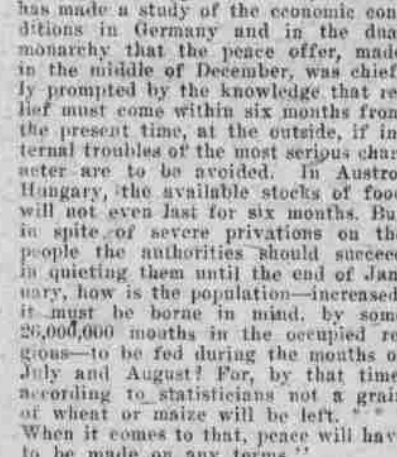
WOMAN WITH WHIP

Walla Walla, Wash., Jan. 3.—When County Treasurer Guy Allen Turner stepped forward, smiling, to greet Mrs. C. E. Montgomery, wife of a local physician yesterday, she pulled a rawhide from beneath her coat and horsewhipped him in the presence of his office force.

"What do you mean by telling stories about me?" Mrs. Montgomery demanded as she applied the whip.

If the estimate of its new city directory is right, Baker has 10,000 population, a considerable increase over the last report, the Democrat says.

ABE MARLIN



THE YEAR'S PRISONERS

By Henry Wood
(United Press staff correspondent)
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- General Sarraill's forces in Macedonia—11,173 Bulgarians.
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BOXING CLUB IN CHURCH

Rhineland, Wis., Jan. 3.—The state boxing commission has authorized Rhineland to have a boxing club in a church. The license will be issued to the Rev. Fred R. Wedge, one time a welterweight. The parish already has organized a boxing class among his Sunday school students.

"It is not wrong in itself," Wedge said. "The thing with mitts is a good art for any boy."

WONDERFUL GAIN MADE IN EXPORTS IN ELEVEN MONTHS

Increase Over Same Time in Year 1915 Is \$1,764,938,145

MONTH OF NOVEMBER GAIN IS \$189,306,006

Increase of Trade with South American Countries Is Not Encouraging

Washington, Jan. 3.—Exports from the United States during the 11 months of 1916 ending November 30 jumped more than a billion and three-quarters in value for the same period of 1915, the department of commerce announced today.

Goods to the value of \$516,976,359 were exported during the month of November last, as against \$327,670,553 during November, 1915.

Total value of goods exported during the 11 months ending last November 30, was \$4,990,205,030, as against \$3,195,304,485 for the same period of 1915.

Imports for last November totaled \$176,888,305 as against \$155,496,075 for November, 1915; imports for the 11 months ending last November 30 totaled \$2,186,821,703 against \$1,606,764,190 for the first 11 months of 1916.

A big increase in importations from South America is shown. Against imports of \$28,702,756 during November, 1915, South America sent \$35,716,000 worth of goods into the United States last November. During the 11 months period of 1916 South America sent imports valued at \$383,821,074 into the United States, against \$288,599,443 for the same period of 1915.

Exports to South America also showed increases for 1916, the total for last November being \$17,759,431, against \$14,923,839 for November, 1915. For the 11 months period of 1916 the total was \$197,501,248, against \$129,478,981 in 1915.

TODAY'S WAR MOVES

The phrases "storming" and "hand to hand" combat in today's Berlin statement indicate how terrific is the battle being waged for control of positions in Rumania and Dobruja.

Today it appeared that the fighting centers about Focant as the next immediate objective sought by the German forces. Berlin claims that the Ninth army "now stands before the fixed positions of the Russians" west and south of that city. It reported an advance of troops from the west in the Zabala valley and another forward movement from the southeast, where in two cities were stormed.

In the west the German war office detailed capture of several heights—likewise by "storming" and two additional towns occupied.

In Dobruja it appeared that the Russians were being shoved back closer toward Macin. Here to-day Berlin described "tenacious resistance" from the enemy.

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CHERRIAN HIGH JINX SHOWS ORGANIZATION IS GENUINE LIVE WIRE

Laughter, music, song and dance characterized the "high jinx" of the Cherrians last night at the Hotel Marion when the Salem boosters got together for their annual initiation and banquet that held the attention from eight o'clock until twelve.

Inaugurated into the mysteries of the Cherrians last night were Joseph H. Albert, W. I. Staley, P. H. Devers, Benjamin Brick, George Pettingill, A. A. Mickel, W. H. Parker, Joe McAllister, B. W. Maey, and R. M. Gilbert. Others named for initiation but who did not show up were Elmer Dase, Chester M. Cox, A. J. Schei, C. E. Schuneman, D. Mismar, E. A. Korte, Dr. Garajobst, O. A. Hartman and W. L. McDougal.

It was an awful moment when the above gathered in the lobby of the hotel and were ushered into the dining room, where they knew various and unthinkable things awaited them. However, screwing their courage to the sticking point, they followed the white robed Cherrians and were given seats at a bare and meager table set at the rear of the dining room.

Not a Bad Place

But the dining room was reassuring. It was not such a terrible place as was first anticipated. In fact, the place was transformed under the genius of Paul Siege and George Fox into a lower of beauty. In the center between the pillars was a pergola twined and intertwined with ivy vines, with a poinsettia here and there. Around the outer edge and strung through the center were numerous Chinese lanterns in blue, red, green and yellow.

This pergola covered a platform which was bordered with ferns and palms. The hanging lamps were hung with change tissue filaments and superimposed with ivy. The mirrors between the windows were topped with ivy or

Oregon grape and the lights draped with the orange filaments. On the tables were candles burning and small poinsettias in pots.

Shortly after the vassal oil and wet martini had been served and the guests were munching on Royal Anne, pils, passion berries, celery gizzards, salted moth balls and Bing stones, the Zigzag committee's talent started the ball rolling by a selection from "Yapp's Crossing Orchestra", which rendered the number, "She Strung Her Violin Too Tight."

"Readings and Things"

This was followed by "Readings and Things" by Mrs. Arthur Rahn, who impersonated a spinster who was ardent for votes for women. She was well received and was given an encore.

The Happy Ward told about several things that happened on the Marshfield trip, especially about "Shores From an Upper Berth."

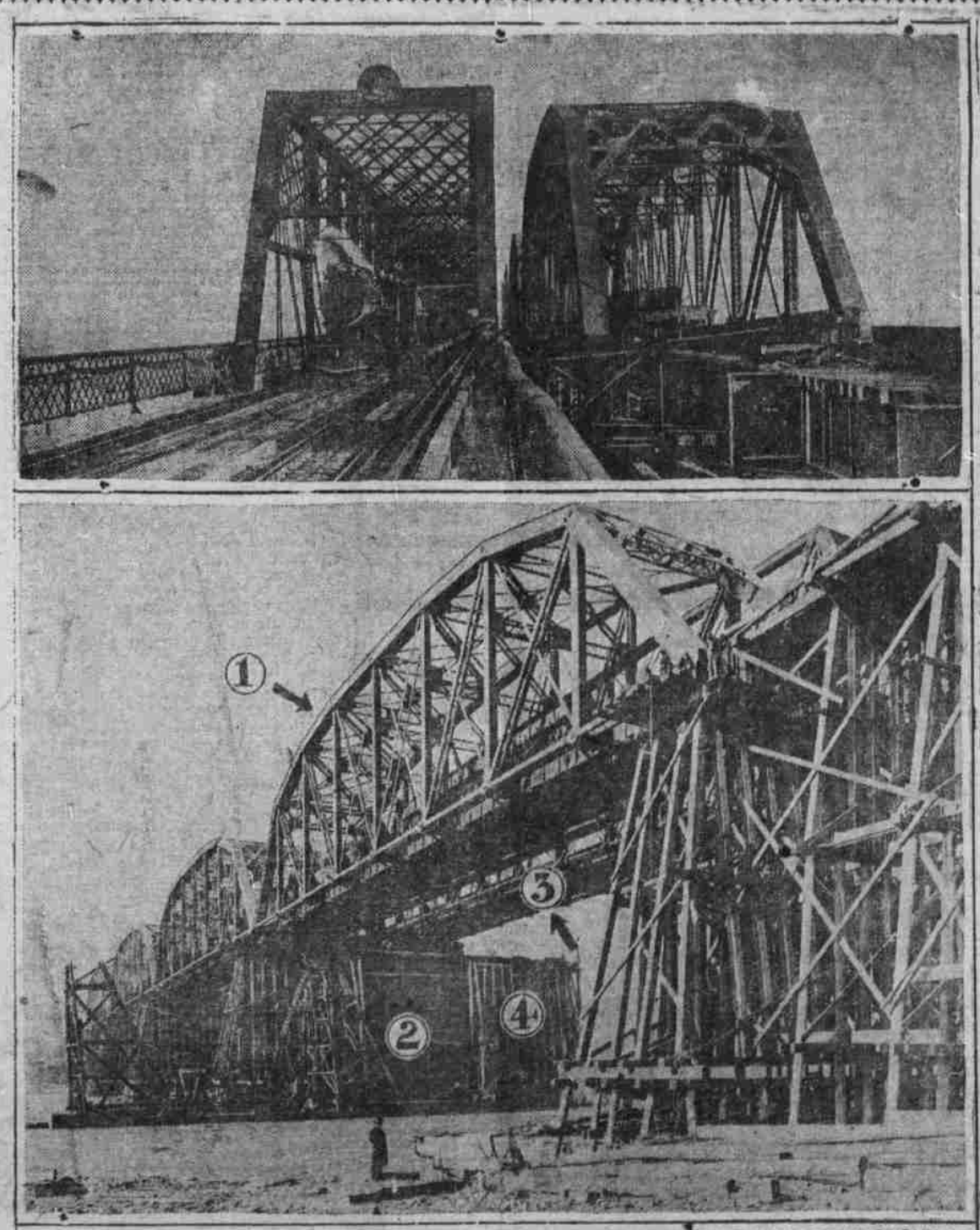
Miss Shell Getvergote, ordinarily known as Miss Rheingold the Russian danseuse, then appeared and gave an exhibition of difficult toe dancing and plastic posing. She was received with cheers and sounds of applause. Her encore she gave a characteristic Russian dance in costume, which was very effective and pleasing and brought further rounds of applause from the Cherrians. Her next number was "Spicy Jinks" or "Life 'Torn From the Front Trenches," in which she appeared in the "costume du ballet" and was a veritable maze of silk and lace. Her dancing was exquisite and was greeted with enthusiastic applause.

The Naughty Bald Heads

Miss Blanche Beritt, an cabaret singer imported for the occasion, furnished a great deal of amusement. During the singing of the popular songs of

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ENGINEERING SKILL SHOWN IN SHIFTING TRAFFIC ACROSS THE MISSOURI RIVER



TOP PHOTO—OLD AND NEW MISSOURI RIVER BRIDGES—LOWER—A NEW STRUCTURE. 2. OLD FOUNDATION. 3. OLD BRIDGE. 4. STRUCTURE ON WHICH OLD BRIDGE HAS BEEN PLACED BEFORE BEING DISMANTLED.

Undoubtedly one of the greatest engineering feats of modern railroad times was the changing of the long railroad bridge across the Missouri river at Omaha.

The installation of this new railroad bridge, capable of accommodating the immense traffic across the river at this point, was accomplished in less than one hour and the gigantic traffic was held up less than 60 minutes. The piers which provided the foundation for the old bridge were used for the new one. When the last work was done on the

new bridge, the change was made by slipping the immense steel structure upon the old foundation, with the old structure switched to the other side. A peculiar feature of the old structure is that it is as good as when built, but with the constantly increasing traffic at Omaha the immense tonnage was such that a new bridge was necessary to take it safely. In May, 1916, work upon the new bridge was started on false piers, parallel with the old structure. Working day and night since the inception of the work, 200 men were re-

quired to complete it in good time for the big change. The new bridge is double tracked, the only one across the Missouri river; is 1,722 feet long, weighs 10,520,000 pounds, is 70 feet wide and cost \$1,000,000. Six trunk lines of railroad use this bridge. Three hundred and twenty trains, freight and passenger, cross this bridge every 24 hours or one every four and a half minutes. Top picture shows old and new bridges. No. 1, new structure; 2, old foundation; 3, old bridge; 4, structure for old bridge before dismantling.

GERMAN RAIDER GIVES SHIPPING ANOTHER SCARE

Big Vessels Voltaire and Georgic, and Other Smaller Ones Overdue

THESE SUPPOSED TO BE VICTIMS OF NEW RAIDER

Submarine Capable of Laying Mines Is Also Reported at Work

New York, Jan. 3.—Reports of new German submarines, capable of laying mines while submerged and a new report of a mysterious German raider roaming the Atlantic, were brought here by the Holland-American liner Nieuw Amsterdam.

Captain Jan Baron today declared he had not only been warned to avoid regular steamship lanes on his trip from Rotterdam, but had barely escaped destruction in the harbor of Falmouth by a mine trawler, just ahead of the Nieuw Amsterdam, Baron said, disappeared in a geyser of water, undoubtedly the victim of a mine. The liner entered Falmouth in the wake of a trawler, traveling at very low speed. The mine is believed to have been planted.

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FIRE WAS INCENDIARY

Valdez, Alaska, Jan. 3.—Federal authorities feel assured to-day that the fire which wiped out this city for the second time within 18 months was caused by wholesale incendiarism.

Four different fires were discovered between 3 and 4 a. m. on Tuesday. Two of the blazes were across the street from each other, while the remaining two were discovered more than a block away.

Property in five blocks, totaling 17 business blocks was consumed by the flames, making the fire loss of Valdez since July 15, 1915, the date of the first fire, more than \$500,000.

Food supplies, it is learned to-day were rushed north from Seattle Tuesday night on the steamship Mariposa.

DETECTIVES BUSY TRYING TO SOLVE MURDER MYSTERY

Have Wealthy Clubman Under Surveillance While Seeking Evidence

Philadelphia, Jan. 3.—The man suspected of having clubbed and then strangled to death pretty Maile Colbert, model and manicurist, is today under guard in Philadelphia's most prominent clubs, it was declared.

Bou vivants and habitués of cafes know the man now under guard as "Champaigne Charlie." He is a ready spender and has a following of friends who will stop at no expense to free him, if the police make good their threat of arrest in a few hours. In authentic circles it is even intimated that already these friends have taken steps for the defense—searching for a magistrate who will release him on bail.

For many years he is said to have assisted the girl financially. Out of this grew details, according to detectives that may disclose blackmail—an amazing tale that may involve not only the girl but others.

The guarded man was taken to detective headquarters several days ago and severely grilled. At that time it was believed he would be held. Now it is known that he was released upon his promise not to leave the city.

Miss Colbert's liberality to her family and friends brought her into dire financial straits. It is said she wrote this man, who was madly in love with her, according to the police, and asked him to see her lawyer. Instead of going to the lawyer's office he is said to have come to Philadelphia and gone direct to her apartment.

From the moment he went to the apartment in which the pretty little model's battered body was found late Saturday night, details ended. Mystery once more shrouds the case and the detectives are making every effort to cover loopholes, fearing a leak that might hamper their work.

This man met Miss Colbert only recently and she is said to have remarked he might do her harm. The man was in the city several days ago and was questioned by the police. When new details.

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COMMISSIONERS CANNOT AGREE ON BORDER QUESTION

Will Tell President They Can Frame No Withdrawal Protocol

MAY ORDER ARMY BACK FROM MEXICAN SOIL

Villa Fast Getting Upperhand and Carranza's Regime Crumbling

By Carl D. Groat
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Washington, Jan. 3.—"The American peace commission will present to President Wilson late this afternoon their recommendation for closing up the commission's session."

Before going to see the president they will draft an answer to General Carranza's rejection of the troop withdrawal protocol.

The American members will leave the path clear for the American government to withdraw its troops from Mexico—minus a protocol signed by Carranza.

When the American members resumed sessions with Chairman Lazo today they had practically agreed on the following course:

First to tell Carranza and President Wilson that they could frame no new troop withdrawal protocol and that the joint sessions are closed.

Second, perhaps to leave a loophole for the conference to resume discussion of subjects involving American protection of lives and property south of the boundary after the troops are out.

May Withdraw Troops

War department plans for withdrawing the troops are not "immediate"—with the emphasis on "immediate"—but there was every reason to believe today that "very soon" after the joint sessions are closed the administration will order General Pershing back to the border and then relieve some more militia forces, unless, in the meantime, northern Mexican conditions, already badly disturbed, become menacing.

While taking steps to compose a troublesome situation, administration officials privately express fear that Villa is fast getting the upper hand in northern Mexico and that Carranza's regime will crumble unless a quick uplift comes.

In this connection, however, it became known today that Carranza's diplomats, including Ambassador—Designate Arredondo, are returning from the United States. Central and South America and Europe to Mexico for a conference which will inaugurate a new commercial policy for the republic.

Arredondo, himself claims he will return here. He may, but usually reliable information is that he will be made minister of foreign affairs some time in the future, and that in any event he is done with the position of ambassador to the United States.

He Got the Limit But Deserved More

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 3.—A man who would steal pennies from newboys doesn't deserve any sympathy.

So declared Superior Court Judge King Dykman today, following his sentencing of Henry House to the maximum term of one year in jail and \$1,000 fine on a petty larceny charge.

House had been stealing pennies from newboys' stands and was twice taken before a police judge.

The last charge against him was the stealing of bundles of unmailed letters, among which were some belonging to his lawyer, J. J. Sullivan.

NEW YORK WOMAN IS PUTTING UP MONEY

Attorney Says Mrs. J. Sergeant Cram Is Financing Mooney Defense

San Francisco, Jan. 3.—As the trial of Thomas J. Mooney for murder in connection with preparedness day dynamiting was beginning here today, District Attorney Fickert asserted that letters which his deputies seized showed that Mrs. J. Sergeant Cram, a wealthy New York woman, is financing the defense of Mooney and four others.

The letters were seized in the office of "The Blast," a radical paper. Fickert issued a statement in which he said that Alexander Berkman, editor of the paper, had charge of the defense and had interested Mrs. Cram in the case. W. Bourke Cockran, of New York, and Maxwell McNutt, of San Francisco, are attorneys for the defense.

The task of selecting the jury began today and is expected to last a week.

Warren K. Billings was convicted of complicity in the crime three months ago. Besides Mooney the other defendants are Mrs. Mooney, Edward D. Nolan and Israel Weinberg.

THE WEATHER

INDOOR GOLF IS THE LATEST FAD

Oregon: To-night and Thursday rain west, rain or snow east or north; southerly winds, fresh near the coast.